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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on geospatial information and services for disasters, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and express its views on the progress of the working group and to endorse the strategic framework on geospatial information and services for disasters prepared by the working group.

Summary of the report

At its sixth session, held in New York from 3 to 5 August 2016, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 6/110, in which it welcomed the report of the working group, commended the considerable progress in developing and refining the draft strategic framework on geospatial information and services for disasters 2016-2030, and acknowledged the five priorities for action to ensure that the draft strategic framework was effectively implemented across the multiple levels of decision-making. The working group was also encouraged to continue working towards the completion of the draft strategic framework for consideration and adoption by the Committee of Experts.

In its report, the working group provides information on its activities during the intersessional period, including the convening of the International Forum on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters in Barbados in September 2016 and the interactions and presentations made at the annual meetings of the regional committees of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management. It also describes the global consultation exercise, the feedback and guidance received from Member States, key experts and organizations and how these were incorporated in the draft strategic framework. The final version of the strategic framework, as completed by the working group, is presented for endorsement by the Committee of Experts.

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